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BY LIAISON

Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

For your information, I am enclosing
information which may be of interest to you.

Upon removal of all references to
classified, this transmittal is being
unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Director

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"ACT FOR PEACE"

IN LONDON

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past recently made available the following data pertaining to a conversation on January 22, 1968, between Stanley Levison and an individual from London, England, believed to be named Sean Trivasi or, possibly, Trivalsi. Stanley Levison is a New York attorney and a former member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). Levison is presently an advisor to Martin Luther King, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Trivasi claims to be in this country on behalf of a canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, to request Martin Luther King and Dr. Benjamin Spock to come to England at the end of February, 1968, for a meeting to inaugurate a campaign to end the war in Vietnam. Pertinent data concerning this proposed meeting which was revealed by Trivasi is set forth below:

For the past several months discussions have taken place in Western Europe, as well as with some people in the United States, notably with several in the Institute of Policy Studies, Washington, D. C. The purpose of these discussions has been to seek a way to inaugurate an international ad hoc organization which may bear the name "Act for Peace." The organization will launch a mass media campaign in newspapers and on television against the war in Vietnam. The sponsors are likely to be people such as Ramsey of the Church of England, Pierre Mendes-France and a cardinal from Bologna.

It is hoped that Martin Luther King will agree to be a sponsor and that both Dr. Spock and King will attend the meeting in London. It appears that while Dr. Spock will be agreeable to attending the meeting, no confirmation has yet been received from Dr. Spock. Stanley Levison felt that Dr. King's plans for a civil disobedience campaign in April, 1968, may be an important part to Dr. King's attendance.

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Mr. Trivasi said he had just come from Washington, where he talked at length with Senator (Eugene) McCarthy who suggested it would be useful if he, Senator McCarthy, attended the February meeting in London.

In response to Levison's inquiry about the length of the meetings, he was told there would probably be several days of discussion and if a decision were made to launch the campaign, a public meeting would be held about February 27, 1968.

Levison also inquired about the people who have committed themselves to the idea of an ad hoc organization. He was informed that as far as the Church of England is concerned, there may be some difficulty with the Archbishop. However, they have the backing of two very powerful bishops, identified as Woolich and Southick, and others. The cardinal from Bologna had not agreed as yet, neither had the Archbishop of Vienna.

Levison was told that it has been suggested that they try to get Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations to give his sponsorship. Levison doubted that this could be achieved.

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